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Be Open Minded and Willing to Learn



Tanzania was at the top of Genna Verbeek's (23) list when she began searching for a place to complete her medical internship.

"I'm in my sixth year of medical studies in Australia and as part of our course we do a 6 week elective. We can do it anywhere in the world, but I

had a friend who recently came to Tanzania and said it was an amazing experience." Genna signed up with a medical placement. She lived with a Tanzanian host family and volunteered full time at a government hospital. She spent 3 weeks in the pediatric ward and 3 weeks in anaesthetics. "I get a fair bit of responsibility. I think it depends on how much you like to take initiative. They've been great in supporting me in what I'd like to learn and what I'd like to have more experience in. The other day I did anaesthetic all by myself. The aesthetician was in and out just checking on me." [Click here to read her full story...](#)

Let there Be Light

My professional background is an electrician and I have been working as one since 2007. This is the first time I have done volunteer work, but I do electrical work in mining, commercial and housing back home in Australia. I did 3 years at technical college (only 8 weeks a year) I chose to volunteer to try something different. I only decided to do two weeks as I was unsure if volunteering was something I would like. But now I wish I stayed for longer. During the two weeks of work at Engikaret I repaired many faults on the lighting fed from the generator. I also helped install a solar panel, digging trenches for building footings, and mixing cement for the laboratory floor. I donated a large solar panel at about 600,000 Tanzanian Shillings. And it was a personal donation. The most challenging part of the project was adapting to work without the use of electricity. At home I am so used to having power tools for every type of job, but at Engikaret everything was done by hand.



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ALUMNI CORNER!

We invite all volunteers to participate in part-time paid work as an Alumni Representative after leaving our destination. Alumni Representatives attend promotional events and fairs in their home country and share their experience living and volunteering with Projects Abroad. If you are interested in becoming an Alumni Representative, email alumni@projects-abroad.co.uk.

Support Your Project

We often get requests from previous volunteers who would like to financially support their former project. If you would like to make a general donation to support our international work or if you want to donate to your previous placement please visit the Reconstruction Project website and earmark your donation for a specific charitable purpose. It will always reach your intended target!

<http://www.justgiving.com/reconstructionproject>.

You may also send a cheque to The Reconstruction Project, c/o Projects Abroad, Aldsworth Parade, Goring, Sussex, Great Britain, BN124TX

International Volunteer Day in Tanzania



Projects Abroad Tanzania celebrated International Volunteer Day on Thursday, December 5, 2013. IVD 2013 is a global celebration of young people acting as agents of change in their communities. Volunteers in Dar Es Salaam spent the day cleaning at a local government hospital while volunteers in Arusha cleaned the streets at the Central Bus Station and Market. The campaign was started by the United Nations. To learn more visit <http://www.volunteercounts.org/en>. [Click here to see more photos...](#)

The Beauty of Africa By Hand



SemBrys (24) from Belgium spent 1 month volunteering with the Building Project in Tanzania in October. During his time in Tanzania, he had the opportunity to go on safari but while all the other volunteers were busy snapping photos with their digital cameras and i-phones, Sem used the opportunity to capture the beauty of Africa by hand with the amazing pencil drawings you see below. To see more of Sem's artwork visit his personal blog at <http://sembrys.blogspot.be/>.

[Click here to view more of his safari photos...](#)